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SUBJECT: ALLEGED REMARKS OF IRANIAN PRIMIN STRAIN PAK-IRAN RELATIONS

REF: A) ISLAMABAD 5100, B) TEHRAN 4878, C) STATE 129398

1. NEAR THE END OF MY 24 MAY CONVERSATION WITH FONSEC SHAHNAWAZ (BEING REPORTED SEPARATELY), FONSEC EXPRESSED EXASPERATION WITH IRANIAN GOVERNMENT OVER "UNFORTUNATE" REPORT OF IRANIAN PRIMIN'S THREAT TO CUT OFF AID IF BHUTTO IS EXECUTED AND SUBSEQUENT DIFFICULTIES HE HAS HAD GETTING IRANIANS TO CLARIFY THE MATTER. "WHO WOULD EXPECT THE IRANIANS TO DO THIS?" HE SAID.

2. WHETHER THE PRIMIN SAID IT OR NOT IS NOW IMMATERIAL, HE SAID; "ALL THE IRANIAN GOVERNMENT HAS TO DO IS SAY IT IS NOT SO." BUT THE WAY THE MATTER HAS NOW BEEN HANDLED, THE STILTED USE OF THE WORD "INCORRECT" BY IRANIAN AMB HERE, AND THE FAILURE OF BOTH THE IRANIAN GOVERNMENT
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AND THE IRANIAN EMBASSY TO SAY ANYTHING ON THEIR OWN BEHALF HAVE LEFT THE MATTER WORSE RATHER THAN BETTER. SHAKING HIS HEAD, HE SAID HE DOES NOT UNDERSTAND THE IRANIANS, BUT ONE THING IS CLEAR: "THE FOREIGN SECRETARY OF PAKISTAN CANNOT GO ON DOING PUBLIC RELATIONS FOR IRAN FOREVER*" HUMMEL

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